

Newsletter



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It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope. Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Parents

This will be our last newsletter for the year. Next Friday, however, I will email out to you my final farewell as outgoing Principal of Aranmore Catholic Primary School.

Our **Advent Prayer Assemblies** conclude on Friday. The focus has been on the preparation period for Christmas, helping the children to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. Thank you to the Year Five and Six classes for leading the whole school during this special period.

Our annual whole school **Thanksgiving and Gift Mass** will be held on Wednesday **the 5 December**, commencing at **9.30am at St Mary's Church**. Parents are very welcome to come and celebrate our final mass together as a school community. During our special mass we will give thanks to God for our wonderful school year and remember to continually give generously to those who may be finding things a little difficult in our local community. Thank you for your generosity over the last few weeks with all the different food items you brought in for St Vincent DePaul. You have certainly helped to make someone's Christmas this year just that little more special.

Included in this newsletter are dates and times of the **St Mary's Parish Christmas Masses and Reconciliation**. During this special season, it is so important to focus on the real meaning of Christmas and celebrate the birth of our Saviour in a meaningful way so please take your children to mass during the Advent and Christmas season.

Next **Thursday 6 December at 7.00pm**, we celebrate the **Year Six Graduation** Mass and Ceremony. I would like to wish all of the Year Six students the very best for their special evening and wish them well in their future endeavours at their new schools. May God bless them all as they set out on the next part of their journey.

On **Friday 7 December at 8.45am** we will be having our **Final Assembly**. As a school community, we will farewell our Year Six students and leaving staff and say goodbye to all families as we commence our Christmas holidays. All parents are most welcome to come and join us.

Reports will be given out on Wednesday 5 December. The reporting format is the same as last semester. If you have difficulty understanding the report, please do not hesitate to see your classroom teacher. Teachers will be available for parent/teacher interviews should you wish to make an appointment to meet with them.

Class lists have been finalised for 2019. The formulation of class lists is a very involved process as has been explained in the last few newsletters. Parents have been provided with the opportunity to write to me or meet with me if there have been any pastoral concerns regarding your child and the cut-off date for this was Monday 26 November. The lists will be posted on the glass doors of the hall on the last day of school. No changes will be made to these class lists so please do not contact the office or email after the cut-off date nor once lists are published.

CEWA has advertised for expressions of interest regarding a **temporary Principal for Term One 2019**. The process will have a quick turnaround so the temporary Principal should be announced before the end of the year. In regards to the substantive position, CEWA will come out to talk to the Board and staff early in Term One about the process and the schools involvement. Hopefully by Term Two 2019 Aranmore Catholic Primary School will have a new ongoing Principal.

A few words of thanks but there is more to come next Friday

Our beautiful Aranmore Catholic Primary School children have worked very hard this year and are to be congratulated on their achievements. I am so very proud of them. I know that they are all looking forward to a break from schoolwork and spending some time relaxing with family and friends in the holidays.

I would like to thank all parents for taking such a keen interest in your child's learning. You are to be congratulated on the wonderful encouragement and support you give to your children each and every day and the way you work collaboratively with the staff. The staff are most appreciative of your assistance which you provide so willingly in so many different ways in the classroom and throughout the school.

The school and parish enjoy a close relationship. I would like to thank Father Angelo for leading all of our whole-school class masses, liturgies and sacraments this year and for nurturing our spirituality.

Ms James joined the Aranmore school community this year as Assistant Principal and was part of the Leadership Team. Ms James, your dedication and commitment to Aranmore CPS in such a short time has been outstanding and very much appreciated. You have worked alongside the Early Childhood Team, been instrumental in assisting us to move forward with our ICT as well as our Social Media presence plus much more. You are a creative, energised, organised, intelligent and highly professional leader and I wish you were able to stay longer in our beautiful community. You will be sadly missed by staff, students and parents. I wish you all the best as you move overseas to work in an International School and wish you every success.

Mrs Covich and Mrs Aspley have both worked part time this year at Aranmore CPS. Mrs Covich taught Year One for Term One and then Kindy for the rest of the year. Mrs Aspley has taught Year 5G this year in partnership with Miss Lister. I would like to thank you both for all of your great work this year. Often as a part time teacher you put in many more hours than what you are paid for and this is true of these two ladies. I wish you the best for the future and I am sure we will see you here next year on relief.

Mrs Civiletti has been our Canteen Manageress for the last 7 years and during that time she has been dedicated to provide hot lunches and delicious food to our hungry children. Thank you for all your hard work at Aranmore CPS over the years. I wish you all the best as you move up the hill to Aranmore College and continue to work in their canteen.

Thank you to all of the fantastic staff at Aranmore, for the professionalism and commitment that they have shown throughout the whole year. Not only have they provided excellent educational opportunities for our children but they have nurtured the children spiritually, emotionally, socially and physically so that our children have been able to grow into the best person they can be.

We are so very fortunate to have a wonderful school community and I thank God for blessing us all at Aranmore CPS.

My thank you in this newsletter has been very brief as I will be saying a few special farewell words to everyone, as outgoing Principal of Aranmore Catholic Primary School, at our final assembly 8:45am on 7th December. I look forward to seeing you all there one last time and to say goodbye.



**Mrs Margaret Williamson
Principal**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Our last Advent Assembly was this morning (Year 5 Red). Last week both Year 6 classes led us in both reverent and respectful prayer services to start our school Advent Prayer Assemblies.. This Sunday will be the 1st Sunday of advent.

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL – A BIG THANK YOU!

WOW - Aranmore Catholic Primary School! Thank you so much for digging deep to assist St. Vinnie's with their Christmas appeal. The volunteers who collected the baskets were overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community. As you can see from the photo the St. Vinnie's van was full to the brim! Thank you for kindness. Many families will have a happy Christmas based on your generosity.



CURRICULUM

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Aranmore Catholic Primary School uses a variety of ways to communicate student achievement. Some of these include formal reports, Learning Journeys and Parent Teacher Interviews. Remember that your child's growth is not just measured against academic achievement but also pastoral, spiritual and social development. Please remember that a 'C' grade indicates your child has put in a great deal of effort to reach the necessary benchmarks expected of them for that year level. This should be celebrated! 'C' grades are not an indication of poor achievement. If you have concerns or queries about your child's growth and development, please be sure to make an appointment with the class teacher.

“Some students will have progressed beyond the achievement standard; others will need additional support. The expected standard for each year is described as 'C'. Many students will be given the same grade in semester 1 and semester 2, even though their teachers will have observed growth in learning. Bearing in mind that work in Semester 2 builds on Semester 1, maintaining a grade indicates students have held their own in the face of more advanced material and in this way have grown in their learning.”

<https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/assessment/judgingstandards>

GALLERY ON BRENTHAM AWARD WINNERS

There was such an outstanding response to the student artwork this year. Special visitors from Leederville Garden Villas, Marion (an accomplished textile artist) and Penny (retired primary school teacher) assisted with judging the junior primary winners this year. Our Award winners for 2019 are:

- Orlando Franchina - Pre-Kindy to Pre-Primary category
- Simran Singh – Year 1 to Year 2 category
- Brodie Kornet – Year 3 to Year 4 category
- Edie Burke – Year 5 to Year 6 category

Congratulations again to our future budding artists. We hope Aranmore Catholic Primary School can continue to nurture your artistic talents!



KOORKI KIDS NAIDOC WEEK 2018 AWARD WINNER

Koori Kids and the Department of Education set up a '2018 NAIDOC Week School Initiative' competition which involved students participating in a short story writing competition or colouring in competition. Aranmore Catholic Primary School was part of this initiative. Entry was open to all primary and secondary students across Western Australia. We are proud to announce that Xavier Lord from Year 1 Red was a winner, one of 25 across our state and was awarded the NAIDOC Medal of Excellence.

Congratulations, Xavier!

Miss Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister
Assistant Principals



SOLAR SYSTEM 3D MODELS

The Year 3s showcased their Solar System inspired 3D models to the Year 5s and Ms Lister, Ms James and Mrs Williamson. The students worked on this at home with their families but were asked to provide a short presentation to the class with questions and answers.



The Year 3s thoroughly enjoyed this project and this was certainly demonstrated in the quality of their work

Mrs Lombardi & Mrs Bubnich
Year 3 Teachers

YEAR 3, 4 & 5 CONTEMPORARY LEARNING

The Campfire - a space where people gather to learn from an expert.

Years 3 – 5 have been designing their contemporary classrooms. One of our designated areas is 'The Campfire.'



A space where the class gathers for explicit teaching of concepts by the teacher. Guest speakers or other students may also share their learning.

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MUSIC

A MUSICAL AFTERNOON

The Aranmore Primary Band visited the Rosewood Aged Care in Leederville last Friday to perform a concert for the residents. The 13 students were from Years 4 – 6 and they played flute, violin, guitar, keyboard and drums. The repertoire included classics like Mother Nature's Son by Lennon and McCartney, Nyit Yok Barnup by indigenous singer/songwriter Gina Williams and a brand new song called One Song, which was written for the Music Count Us In Initiative. The children performed with confidence and loved the opportunity to engage with the residents. This Friday afternoon the Choir will also perform the mini-musical, The Toy Room, for the residents.



ARTY FARTY CHRISTMAS PARTY LEEDERVILLE

The Arty Farty Christmas Party will be held on Sunday **2nd December** in Oxford St, Leederville. The event begins at **5.00pm** with the Aranmore Primary Choir performing a musical called The Toy Room. This will be followed by other performances and plenty of children's activities such as Bouncy Castles, Arcade Games, Face Painting, Boxville and Father Christmas. The Christmas

lights will be switched on as it is getting dark (around 7.20pm). We hope you can come along to support the students and to enjoy the event.



Mrs Roslyn Twine
Music Teacher



ADMINISTRATION

Please note that next year Swimming Lessons will be split between junior and upper school students. Mr Tsang has sent the details of this in a note which went home to parents last week.

The **Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students** will have their swimming lessons in **Week 1 and Week 2 of Term 1, 2019.**

Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2 students will have their swimming lessons in **Week 3 and Week 4 of Term 4, 2019.** This provides the junior students with a routine and consistent start to the year, allowing them to settle in and get to know their teachers.

As the Senior school students will commence swimming from the very start of the year, it is important that the swimming notes are returned before the end of the year – Please return the form by Monday 3rd December.

NUMERO

Stuck for Christmas present ideas? Looking for an educational, fun present? Ponder no longer! Visit Mrs Ellen at reception and purchase a pack of Numero cards for your children, nieces, nephews and friends of all ages. A bargain at \$18.00.

2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Please note that our School Community Calendar will be handed out early next year. Some dates are yet to be finalised and this will delay printing and distribution.

2019 PUPIL FREE DATES

Term 1

- Tuesday 5th March

Term 2

- Friday 31st May
- Tuesday 4th June
- Monday 17th June

Miss Tania James & Miss Sarah Lister
Assistant Principals

FAREWELL ACPS

As you know, I have accepted a position at an International School in Indonesia for 2019. This decision is based on personal reasons and it is with great sadness that I say farewell to the ACPS community. Throughout my short time here, I have had the privilege to work and learn, alongside an exceptional team of people and wish to thank the staff and wider community for accepting me into the Aranmore Catholic Primary School family. I wish to thank Fr. Angelo for his spiritual leadership. I wish to thank the School Board for their support and collaboration on the small projects I had been assigned this year, all of which aimed to improve our school. I would like to thank Mrs Williamson for entrusting me to the important role of Assistant Principal, Pre-K to Year 2 and allowing me the professional room to try out new ideas. Most of all, I would like to thank the students who (in my short time here) have taught me many things and accepted me with open arms from my very first day. I am sad to be leaving such a warm and welcoming community but I am also excited for the new adventure that lay ahead. I still wish to be associated with the school and will endeavour keep in touch in the future. Wishing the ACPS community a safe, happy and Holy Christmas break.

Miss Tania James, Assistant Principal

MERCY VALUE OF THE WEEK

COMPASSION

Show you care for others
In your words and actions

29 November 2018

SPECIAL REMINDER DATES FOR TERM FOUR

- Kindy Green Nativity Play – Tuesday 4 December
- Thanksgiving Mass – Wednesday 5 December
- Kindy Red Nativity Play – Thursday 6 December
- Year 6 Graduation and Mass – Thursday 6 December
- Students last day of school – Friday 7 December
- Students first day of school – Monday 4 February 2019

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PK	
Kindy	Michelle Adamson Holly Rayner
PP	Simonette Franklin, Charissa Mitsikis, Carla Mancini
Yr 1	
Yr 2	Lucy Keating, Kate McKail
Yr 3	Maria Rologas
Yr 4	Megan Clarke, Jadranka Strbac
Yr 5	
Yr 6	

Mrs Alison Wilmont & Mrs Andrea Tan
Co P & F Presidents 2019

SPORTS

NETBALL

We had 4 spring netball teams, one from year 3, 4, 5 and 6 all compete in the Spring netball competition at PNA and we finished our season yesterday. The Spring competition is a short season and a lovely way to hone the netball players skills and play with new teammates from their winter teams. I am very proud of all our teams and hope to see all our players back in 2019.

Year 6 Division 2 - Aranmore Orange

Our Year 6 team finished on top of the ladder for Spring and won the medals for Year 6 Division 2. They were undefeated all season with the final match being a draw. The girls conducted themselves professionally and demonstrated exemplary manners and sportsmanship throughout the season. Every player improved, added value to the team and fought hard every week. Congratulations girls on a stellar season - your last hoorah before moving onto high school! Good luck with your future Netball and what a super effort this Spring.



Year 5 Division 2 – Aranmore Aqua

Our Year 5 team, with some players playing netball for the first time had a great Spring season - finishing equal top of the ladder on points, and only losing just one game for the season but sadly missing the medals by percentage only. A fantastic effort by all.

Year 4 Apricots Division – Aranmore Gold

Our Year 4 team went undefeated for all 8 games and they all improved areas of their game. They all got to play in all areas of the court but were also honing their strengths in their preferred positions. We had some dynamic combinations in some games that was just fantastic to watch. The Junior 4 competition also saw them progress to full netball rules with the exception of the hoop height and ball size which was a great experience to get them ready for the Year 5 Winter competition. Well done Team Gold.

Year 3 Mangoes Division – Aranmore Green

Our Year 2/3 team enjoyed their Spring season and saw them win 5 games and lose just 3. They all played with smiles on their faces and got to play in areas of the court. We can't wait to see what you all bring next Winter.

P & F

ARANMORE SCHOOL PAVERS FUNDRAISERS

Mark your child's connection to the Aranmore CPS community. Whenever you walk to the School Hall you would have noticed the engraved pavers that line the entrance. These pavers have been laid to mark a child's / family's connection to the School and to raise money for the Aranmore P & F. Members of the School community who missed out on this offer previously or who are new to Aranmore CPS are now able to purchase a paver this year to commemorate their child /family's link to the Aranmore CPS community.

The initiative is being organised to raise funds for an upgrade to the School's multipurpose sports courts, so the students can remain active throughout the year.

For further information please contact Sandra at aranmorepnf@gmail.com

Mrs Elle Gonzalez Skuja
Outgoing P&F President

P & F CLASSROOM REPRESENTATIVES

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to be Parent Representatives for 2019. Below is a list of those classes that still need a rep. If you would like to be involved you can contact Alison on alisonwilmot@iinet.net.au Ideally we would have two to three helpers per year level to share the workload.

A massive thank you to the coaches and managers in Jodie, Jess, Carole, Sheryl, Jen, Sascha, Lisa and Anna – the teams could not function without you. Our young umpires - all former Aranmore Primary students in Orla, Grace, Victoria and Sophie umpired for us so well and did us proud. Thank you girls.

To our outgoing year 6 players (from both Winter and Spring)– well done for representing Aranmore CPS so well in your netball careers in primary school and I wish you all the best for your future netball in high school and hope you continue to play, or perhaps take up umpiring or coaching.

I look forward to seeing ALL our netballers return for Winter 2019 and next year we will have a Year 2 competition – so all our current Year 1's – WATCH THIS SPACE next year – we would love to have you play Netball for Aranmore in 2019. Thank you

Mrs Jennifer Saliacus
Netball Coordinator

SWIM CLUB

It was our last swim club morning on Tuesday and just to finish off Term 4 as we started, it was another chilly morning. We had a super 28 swimmers come along. Well done to everyone for swimming hard in the relays. Next week is our breakfast at the school starting at 7.15am. Please be on time. We return to swimming on the 5th February 2019 in the first week back of Term 1. We swim outdoors in both the 30metre and 50metre pools in Term 1 so we can get ready for the carnivals.

Mrs Roslyn Soanes
Swim Club Coordinator

CANTEEN

If you are able to help out our new Canteen Manageress in the Canteen on either a Monday, Wednesday or Friday in Term 1, 2019 please contact the office.

UNIFORM

Medium school hats will be available in the Uniform Shop from Tuesday 4th December. Open from 8:00am to 9:30am.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

40 Franklin Street, Leederville

Tel: 9444 9624

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2018

Monday 24 December

**6.30 pm Christmas Carols at Aranmore
Centre for the Arts & Sports Science (CASS)**

**7.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass for children at
Aranmore Centre for the Arts & Sports Science
(CASS)**

11.30 pm Christmas Carols

12.00 Midnight Christmas Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25 December

9.15 am Christmas Mass (in Italian)

10.30 am Christmas Mass (in English)

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST !

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL SAFETY

SUPERVISION TIMES

The school provides supervision before and after school to keep our children safe.

- Before school supervision commences at 8:15am
- After school supervision ceases at 3:20pm

Please ensure your children are not onsite prior to 8:15am. If you must be at school before 8:15am you must remain with your child until 8:15am when a teacher commences duty. Front reception is not responsible for the supervision of students. Alternatively, you can access Gum Trees Before and After School facilities (Ph: 0427 471 201 Email: gumtree.oshc@ymca.org.au). **Please note, that school grounds are closed at 3:20pm.**

This means gates are locked and access to the school, including toilets, are not available after this time. Please be aware of this if you choose to stay and play on the Adventure Playground.

VISTING OUR SCHOOL

The school operates between 8:15am and 3:20pm. Any persons, including parent, grandparents and other members of the community, who are visiting the school between 9:00am-2:30pm **must report to reception first**, before proceeding onto school grounds. This includes any parents dropping off lunches, books, etc. It is for the safety of our school community that all visitors are noted on arrival. Please do not proceed on to school grounds without first signing in at reception. This even includes if you plan to "pop in" to drop off something to your child. Please help us keep our school safe by following protocol.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All Catholic Schools have a Code of Conduct. This is the minimum standard for how all persons are expected to behave in our school to ensure the safety and well-being of students, staff, parents and other community members. There are 12 statements associated with the Code and these are expanded on in the policy section of our school website.

1. You act safely and competently.
2. You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making.
3. You act in accordance with the values of the Gospel as defined in the Code of Ethical Conduct.
4. You conduct yourself in accordance with laws, agreements, policies and standards relevant to your relationship with the school community.
5. You respect the dignity, culture, values and beliefs of each member of the school community.
6. You treat personal information about members of the school community as private and confidential.
7. You give impartial, honest and accurate information about the education, safety and well-being of students.

8. You support all members of the school community in making informed decisions about students.
9. You promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the school community.
10. You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.
11. You act reflectively and ethically.
12. You allow students to have a voice in their education, safety and well-being.

PETS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

A reminder to all families and friends that all pets, including dogs, are not permitted on school grounds unless authorised by the Principal. Whilst most dogs are family pets and may not react badly to child interaction, in a school setting their behaviour may be excitable and unpredictable. Some students may also react to dogs in an unpredictable way which could cause the dog or the child harm. Some children also have allergies to animals.

If you see someone with their dog on school grounds, please feel free to remind them of this guideline as it is in place to ensure the safety of our children. If your pet, including your dog, really must accompany you at school drop off/pick up time, please wait for your child outside the school grounds, away from the main thoroughfares, to minimise contact with other students.

MORNING DROP OFF – STAFF CAR PARK

Please do not use the staff carparks as a kiss and drive area in the mornings. Whilst we appreciate wet weather conditions can prompt some parents to do this, **it is imperative for the safety of our students, that the carparks are not used in this manner.** Vehicles are constantly moving in and out of carparks throughout the mornings and afternoons due to staff arriving at different times and attending offsite meetings. There is danger in having children in the carpark while cars are reversing, parking, leaving site, etc.

Both Staff car parks should only be for staff parking and no parent/guardians should be using these for parking or a drop off/pickup point.

PRE-PRIMARY & KINDERGARTEN PLAYGROUND

Please note, for the safety of students, no children (including younger siblings) are permitted on the Early Learning Centre play equipment **before school or after school.** **This is a safety requirement.** Even if parents are present to supervise, please note play is not permitted. Most Catholic schools abide by this same rule for safety reasons. **We ask parents to please cooperate with the School and the Early Childhood Staff and please remind your children not to play on the equipment before and after school.**